



## Lateef Ajani Olaniyan

May 22, 2026

Lateef Ajani Olaniyan, born in 1958, went home to be with the Lord on May 22nd 2026. He is survived by his three children: Michael Olaniyan, Hakeem Olaniyan, and Amirah Olaniyan—whom he loved deeply and was immensely proud of.

Lateef was born in Omu-Aran, Nigeria, to Oyepeju and Jimoh Olaniyan. From an early age, he demonstrated a gift for science and a determination to pursue educational opportunities that would eventually take him across the world.

That journey began in 1981, when he immigrated from Nigeria to California in pursuit of higher education. He earned an Associate Degree from the College of the Redwoods before continuing his academic journey at Idaho State University, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy. He later earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida.

His educational achievements laid the foundation for a distinguished 37-year career in pharmacy, including 16 years as the owner and operator of Southgate Pharmacy in Moses Lake. Lateef was known for his unwavering work ethic, his optimistic world view and a joyous smile that brightened every interaction, whether with a longtime friend or a first-time patient. He took the time to understand people's stories and celebrate their milestones – building lasting relationships far beyond the pharmacy window. Although Lateef was dedicated to his profession, his most cherished role was that of a father and provider. He welcomed his first son Michael in 1989 with Kathie, then later his

son Hakeem in 1998 and daughter Amirah in 2004, with his wife Mariam. He loved being an active presence in his children's lives, whether attending basketball games, cheerleading events, or family vacations. The same sense of responsibility that defined him as a father, also made him a source of guidance and opportunity for his loving siblings in Nigeria. Lateef never forgot where he came from. Nigeria was his homeland and he remained deeply committed to giving back to the country that shaped him. In 2008, he founded the Moses Lake Medical Team, a non-profit that would go on to treat nearly 100,000 patients and provide surgery for more than 1,000 people – all free of charge. Through the team's efforts, communities that had long been overlooked were seen as individuals worthy of care, dignity, and compassion. In recognition of his service, Lateef was honored as the "Most Outstanding Kwara State Indigene in the World." True to his humble nature, he accepted the award by giving credit to his fellow diaspora colleagues and to God, believing the work was always greater than any one person.

Lateef will be remembered for the way he cared for people. He had a gift for making others feel seen, valued, and supported. He leaves behind a legacy of generosity that will forever live through the many people he touched. While we mourn his passing, we also celebrate a life well lived. He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

# Cemetery Details

## Guarding Angels Cemetery

2595 Road L N.E.  
Moses Lake, WA 98837  
(509) 765-7848

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 5. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories  
831 S. Pioneer Way  
Moses Lake, WA

## Funeral

JUN 6. 11:00 AM (PT)

Generations Assemblies of God  
431 E Brown Ave  
Moses Lake, WA

## Reception

JUN 6. 3:00 PM.

Grant County Fair Grounds

# Tribute Wall

KR

“*Lateef was a wonderful man. We have been his neighbors for 20 years. That smile was bright enough to light up the entire block. He will be missed.*”

krista - June 17 at 05:44 PM

JE

“*I had worked with Lateef many years ago and then he became my Pharmacist. What a man he was so kind with always a smile. It was always a pleasure to see him. He will be missed may he rest in peace.*”



Jestina ellingson - June 17 at 01:37 PM

JM

“*Lateef was one of the kindest souls I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. His presence brought joy, kindness and love to us all and he will be so very missed. I send his family all my love and condolences on his passing. His memory is a blessing to us.*”

Jennifer McCarthy - June 05 at 11:54 AM

RS

“*Lateef was a person you only meet once in a lifetime. He was a warm and gentle soul. May he rest in peace the heavens have gained a special angle. My thoughts go out to his family and friends.*”

Randall Stewart - June 04 at 05:14 PM

JN

“Lateef was very kind to me, very thoughtful in his conversations with me as well. He had a gentleness about him that helped him connect I to people in a way most would be grateful to experience.

*I'm sad for his family, the world needs more people like Lateef, and I hope all that he touched that they go forward in the world with more grace.*

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**Jim Nielson** - June 03 at 06:38 PM

KN

“I have fond memories of Lateef as a coworker at Samaritan. I worked as a registered nurse in the ICU and would be surprised by his unknown presence watching the NBA in an empty patient room. He loved his basketball! I enjoyed his presence and soft manner.

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**Kelly 6111 72nd Dr Ne** - June 03 at 12:17 AM

DT

“lateef was a great man i played basketball with

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**Darrell Templeton** - June 02 at 08:56 PM

MC

“Lateef was one of a kind- he gave me a chance when hardly anyone else would & for that i am eternally grateful. So helpful, kind & generous-Lateef was a gem & i will miss him greatly. My sincerest condolences to everyone- his work family & his children & everyone's life he touched! Heaven gained a sweet & gentle angel- he will truly be missed by many. RIP Lateef, my friend!

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**Mary Cassinelli** - June 02 at 02:44 PM

ER

“Lateef will be greatly missed. A great person we were Blessed to know. A great loss to our community. May He Rest In Paradise. Our deepest Condolences to his family.

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**Eloise Ramos** - June 02 at 12:49 PM

MM

“Lateef you will be missed by many. You are such a sweet and gentle soul. Thank you for every smile, wave, and "How's your mom?" We've all lost an amazing human being in this world. To your family: I am so extremely sorry for your loss, I wish you peace and happy, beautiful memories. He was such a bright light in this world. My families hearts are broken for you all, we all loved him.

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**Michelle Mickelson** - June 02 at 10:51 AM

WA

“ *Loving Memory of Dr. Lateef Olaniyan*

*May 23, 2026, is a day I will never forget—a day filled with shock and deep sorrow. It was the day I received the painful news that my dear friend, Dr. Lateef Olaniyan, has left this world to rest in glory.*

*Just a few days before his passing, we were making plans to visit our brother and mentor, Alhaji Lateef Amolegbe, in Baltimore, Maryland. His sudden departure has left a great void in our hearts, within the Kwara Development Group, and across our community.*

*Dr. Lateef Olaniyan was an extraordinary man—a devoted Christian, a man of humility, integrity, and kindness. His generosity knew no bounds, and he always went out of his way to help anyone in need. I am grateful our paths crossed when we met in Las Vegas in 2014, during McKesson Pharmacy Conference. I had the privilege of calling him my friend, my brother in Christ, and my partner. Though I will deeply miss him, I take comfort in believing that we will meet again in heaven.*

*Thank you, my dear friend, for the countless ways you touched lives and made the world a better place. Well done, sir. May your soul rest in perfect peace.*

*On behalf of my family, I extend our heartfelt condolences to his children and family. We pray that God grants you strength and comfort during this difficult time.*

*Wole & Biola Adeoye*

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**Wole Adeoye** - June 02 at 02:38 AM

DA

*Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of late Lateef Olaniyan. We pray that he finds everlasting rest and happiness with the lord for his cherished worldly undertaking.*

*Our sympathies and condolences to the amazing wife and loving children's he left behind, our sister; Alhaja Mariam Olaniyan. We fervently pray for Mariam's fortitude to withstand this emotional challenges and for the grace to carry on the good work of her departed husband.*

*Good bye , Goodnight, RIEP, Dr Olaniyan  
Dr Adeshola & Alhaja Medinat Afolabi  
Indiana*

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**Dr Adeshola Afolabi** - June 02 at 02:28 PM



“ *Pamela Bowser lit a candle in memory of  
Lateef Olaniyan*



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**Pamela Bowser** - June 02 at 12:57 AM

AA

“ *Beyond the titles, accolades, and historic medical missions, Lateef was a loyal, sincere, and deeply empathetic friend. He celebrated our joys with genuine warmth, quietly supported us through our challenges, and always offered a listening ear and wise counsel to those who needed it. The void left by his passing is immense, both in our individual lives and within the fabric of our association.*

*To the Olaniyan family, we offer our deepest and most heartfelt condolences. We pray that the Almighty grants you the strength, comfort, and peace to bear this irreplaceable loss. Please know that the entire KSANG Seattle Family stands united with you in this hour of grief, and we are committed to keeping Lateef's extraordinary legacy of service alive.*

*Rest in perfect peace, Dr. Lateef Olaniyan. Your life was a masterclass in service, and your memory will remain a blessing in our hearts forever.*

*Abdul and Rosemary Abebefe*

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**Abdul Abebefe** - June 01 at 03:02 PM